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IMPERIAL

Dr. Royal S. Cutler, formerly resident physician at the Imperial County Hospital, last month was appointed county physician to succeed to the post vacated by the resignation of Dr. Richard Maddux.

LOS ANGELES

More than 1,100 Los Angeles County physicians referred a total of 8,114 patients to the Physicians **Chest Photo-fluorographic Service** for free minifilms during the first six months of the service's operation, according to a report by the Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Association, which is sponsoring the service as a demonstration program. Originally scheduled to end on October 18, the service has been continued to December 23, and until that time any member of the Medical Association may refer patients for the free minifilms. The patient must be at least 12 years of age, and referrals must be made on prescription forms furnished by the Tuberculosis Association.

The 19th Annual Mid-Winter Postgraduate Clinical Convention in **Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology** will be held in Los Angeles, January 15 to 27 inclusive. The meeting is sponsored by the Research Study Club of Los Angeles. Information regarding registration and fees may be obtained from Pierre Viole, M.D., 1930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Women physicians of Los Angeles were hosts last month for the second convention of the **Pan American Medical Women's Alliance** which was held at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Physicians from South America, Mexico, Cuba, Canada and the United States attended the six-day convention. The program included scientific papers and exhibits and visits to hospitals and clinics. The organization was formed in 1947 to promote the interests of women physicians.

Appointment of **Dr. Rex Schmidt** as health officer for the Venice-Westchester area was announced last month by the Los Angeles Health Department.

PLACER-NEVADA-SIERRA

Organization of the **Woman's Auxiliary** to the Placer-Nevada-Sierra County Medical Society was accomplished last month at a meeting in Auburn. The organization meeting was conducted by Mrs. Raymond T. Wayland, president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association. The new county society auxiliary elected the following officers: President, Mrs. C. E. Lewis, Auburn; vice-president, Mrs. Robert Eveleth, Roseville; secretary, Mrs. B. W. Hummelt, Nevada City; treasurer, Mrs. O. F. Lang, Grass Valley.

SACRAMENTO

Dr. Albert F. Zipf, who since 1944 has served as health officer for both the City and County of Sacramento, has resigned that position, effective January 1. A successor has not yet been named.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. Phillips Thygeson, associate professor of ophthalmology at the University of California Medical School, has been named to deliver the third annual Estelle Doheny Eye Foundation lecture in Los Angeles, January 17. His subject will be "The Etiology and Treatment of Phlyctenular Keratitis." The lecture will be a part of the program of the 19th Annual Mid-Winter Postgraduate Clinical Convention in Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

Dr. Robert Wartenberg, associate clinical professor of neurology at the University of California Medical School, has been named honorary president of the inaugural congress of the Spanish Neurological Association being held in Barcelona this month. He will preside over the founding meeting of the Association.

Dr. Edward B. Shaw, chief of the communicable disease department of the San Francisco Hospital for children, was installed as president of the American Academy of Pediatrics during the annual meeting of that organization in San Francisco last month.

Dr. William P. Shepard, vice-president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in charge of the company's division of health education on the Pacific Coast, was elected president-elect of the American Public Health Association at its recent annual meeting in New York.

Appointment of **Dr. Anthony J. J. Rourke**, physician-superintendent of Stanford Hospital in San Francisco, as a member of the Federal Hospital Council was announced last month by the Federal Security Administration. The Council will direct the disposition of \$150,000,000 a year up to 1955 for construction of new hospitals. Dr. Rourke's appointment is for a four-year term which will end September 15, 1953.

SUTTER

Dr. George F. Poole, formerly of Catalina Island, has been appointed medical director of the Sutter County Hospital to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Joseph Lee.

GENERAL

A number of **grants to California educational institutions**, in aid of medical research and instruction with particular regard to cancer, were announced recently by the Federal Security Administration. In addition, the FSA awarded funds to two medical schools for construction of cancer research facilities.

Grants totaling \$163,603 for new **research projects** and continuation of others already under way in California institutions were awarded as follows:

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION NOTICES

University of California, San Francisco

Course: Applied Therapeutics.

Date: January 30 through February 1.

Course: Electrocardiography.

Date: January 30 through February 1.

Course: Special Problems in Pediatrics.

Date: February 6 through 10.

Course: Forensic Medicine.

Date: February 6 through 8.

Contact: Stacy R. Mettier, M.D., Medical Extension, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco 22, California. Fee and printed program supplied on request.

College of Medical Evangelists, Graduate School of Medicine

Course: Differential Diagnosis and Treatment of Internal Diseases.

Date: January 2 to March 20, Monday evenings.

Fee: \$50.00.

Course: Dermatology.

Date: January 3 to March 21. Tuesday evenings.

Fee: \$40.00.

Course: Treatment of Functional Illness in General Practice.

Date: January 4 to February 22. Wednesday evenings.

Fee: \$40.00.

Course: General Urology.

Date: January 4 to March 1.

Fee: \$35.00.

Course: Neurology.

Date: January 5 to February 23.

Fee: \$30.00.

Course: Proctology.

Date: January 5 to March 9. Thursday mornings.

Fee: \$50.00.

Course: Cardiology.

Date: January 10 to March 14. Tuesday evenings.

Fee: \$50.00.

Course: Ophthalmology.

Date: January 31 to March 21. Tuesday evenings.

Fee: \$30.00.

Contact: H. M. Walton, M.D., Dean, Graduate School of Medicine, College of Medical Evangelists, 312 North Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles 33, California.

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, \$13,716 for continuation of studies on the mouse-tumor hemorrhagic agent in cultures of *B. coli*, under the supervision of Dr. J. B. Koepfli.

Stanford University, Stanford, \$4,104 for research on nitrogen-mustard carcinogenesis. Drs. E. L. Tatum and A. C. Griffin, supervisors.

University of California, San Francisco, \$2,235 for research on induction of teratoid tumors of the testes in mammals. Dr. H. D. Moon, supervisor.

University of California, Berkeley, \$20,000 for studies on the relation of the growth hormone to neoplasms. Dr. H. M. Evans, supervisor.

University of California, Berkeley, \$101,408 for continuation of studies on physiology of cancer patients. Dr. F. S. Smyth, supervisor.

University of California, Berkeley, \$17,604 for continuation of research on cholesterol metabolism in normal and neoplastic tissue. Dr. I. L. Chaikoff, supervisor.

Awards for construction of **cancer research facilities** were:

Stanford University, \$100,000 for cancer research laboratories in the School of Medicine.

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, \$200,000 for cancer research laboratories adjacent to the Los Angeles County General Hospital.

For continuation of a cancer training program, the College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles, was awarded a grant of \$25,000.

The Security Administration also awarded a grant of \$13,921 to be used by Dr. Howard R. Bierman, associate

professor of oncology at the University of California, in conducting a further test to measure the **effectiveness of cancer teaching** in medical schools. A previous test devised by Dr. Bierman was applied to 8,994 students in 32 medical schools. Results disclosed a wide variation in knowledge of cancer as between senior medical students in one school and those in another. A second test is to be conducted soon and the results of the first test are to be compared with those of the second in an effort to find out what improvements may have been effected.

For dental research, the University of Southern California was awarded \$9,843 to support a study by Francis M. Pottenger, Jr., of the growth and development of the face and the temporomandibular articulation under the stimulation of the adrenal cortex.

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Appointment of **Dr. Alonzo F. Brand** as regional medical director of Region 10 of the U.S. Public Health Service, with headquarters in San Francisco, was announced recently. Dr. Brand succeeds **Dr. Walter T. Harrison** who retired last July. In his new post, Dr. Brand will direct Public Health Service activities in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Alaska and Hawaii.

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The International and Fourth **American Congress on Obstetrics and Gynecology** will be held May 14-19, 1950, at the Hotel Statler, New York. Information regarding registration and hotel accommodations may be obtained from Fred L. Adair, M.D., 161 East Erie Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.